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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for 1961 prepared on the lines indicated in the Ministry of Health circular 1/62.

Vital Statistics

In Table I will be found detailed statistics relating to mothers and infants. This information has previously been required only in respect of County Councils and County Borough Councils.

Infectious Diseases

Eight hundred and nine cases of infectious disease were notified during the year. Measles accounted for 740 of this number, mainly during the first four months of the year, and the majority of cases, 450, were in the parish of Crowborough.

There were twelve new cases of tuberculosis, the lowest reported in any year.

Diphtheria

For the sixteenth year in succession no case of diphtheria was reported.

Smoking and Lung Cancer

The statistical relationship between lung cancer and smoking is now established without doubt. The incidence continues to rise and the total deaths, increasing by about 1,000 each succeeding year, will soon reach 25,000 annually in the country as a whole.

In this District there is a relatively similar increasing mortality, shown graphically on page 9 of this report.

After ten years of publicity there must be few adults who are not aware of the risks incurred by smoking, particularly of cigarettes. Cancer of the lung, ischaemic heart disease, chronic bronchitis and tuberculosis all claim their victims in high proportion from among smokers. Yet the sale of tobacco increases year by year; the prospect of lingering illness and painful death twenty to thirty years hence does not, apparently, act as a deterrent. But surely few parents would accept this frightful risk for their children, after guarding them through the much less likely dangers of early life. It is very important to persuade children not to start smoking, and they are not likely to take much notice of warnings given by parents who smoke. The best advice is given by example, and concern for their future should be an added incentive to give up this needless form of self abuse.

Food Hygiene

Routine inspections of food premises have continued throughout the year and details are recorded later in this report.

It is noteworthy that the small country bakehouses are gradually closing down, and the service which was offered by them is being provided by the sale of wrapped bread from grocers stores, or by roundsmen from bakery firms who operate from the larger towns. There has, for instance, been a reduction of the number of bakehouses in this District during the past seven years from seventeen to ten.

Towards the end of the year a small plant was opened for the processing and packing of rabbits which have been specially reared for the table. The carcasses are jointed and made up into packs of one pound weight, which are then deep frozen.

Fifty-two samples of raw milk were taken for biological examination during 1961 and of these, five were found to be affected with brucella abortus,

although all were negative to tubercle bacilli. Each of these five infected samples originated from producer retailers whose premises are situated in the Council's area and the producers were required to divert their supplies to a pasteurising establishment for heat treatment before being used for human consumption.

There were one hundred and twenty-six cows involved in the five herds and the milk from each animal was subsequently separately sampled. The results of these tests showed that thirteen cows were excretors of brucella abortus, and these were removed from the milking herds. One of the farmers concerned has since given up the production of milk.

Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act 1956

This Act provides, among other things, for securing the health and welfare of persons employed in agriculture.

The duty of a local authority is restricted to the administration of those sections of the Act which relate to the provision of sanitary conveniences on farms and agricultural holdings, where workers are employed, and for ensuring that such conveniences are properly maintained.

Since the Act came into force 108 premises have been inspected with the following results.

	<i>W.C.'s</i>	<i>Pail or chemical closets</i>	<i>No provision made</i>	<i>Total</i>
No. of premises provided with satisfactory sanitary accommoda- tion 	94	8	—	102
No. of premises not provided with satisfactory sanitary accommoda- tion 	—	—	6	6
	94	8	6	108
No. of formal Notices served 				1
No. of formal Notices complied with 				1
No. of informal Notices served 				5
No. of informal Notices complied with 				3
No. of cases which fall to be dealt with				2
Estimated number of farms and holdings within the Uckfield Rural District 				1,388
Percentage surveyed 				7.78

Housing Improvement Grants

In September 1957 the Council decided to discontinue the payment of Discretionary Grants owing to the financial position generally, and the suspension has continued to the present day. It was considered that this suspension should not apply to the improvement of the small number of almshouses in the District, in view of the urgent need to improve this class of dwelling. It is interesting to record that since that time, a number of applications have been received which has resulted in the complete renovation of thirteen almshouses at a cost of £5,575 7s. 8d. to the Council.

The House Purchase and Housing Act, which came into force in May 1959, made it a duty for local authorities to make grants towards the improvement of dwellings by the provision of

- (a) A fixed bath or shower in a bathroom
- (b) A wash hand basin
- (c) A hot water supply
- (d) A water closet
- (e) Facilities for storing food.

The payment of this grant, which is known as a "Standard Grant," is obligatory, subject only to the applicant complying with certain specified conditions.

Since the inception of this scheme 332 applications have been approved as follows :—

No. approved	—	Owner/Occupier	...	174
		Tenanted	...	158
		Total	...	332
No. withdrawn	—	Owner/Occupier	...	8
		Tenanted	...	9
				17
Sum total of Grants approved	...			£41,905
Number paid	...	...	...	170
Number repaid	...	...	...	7
Net amount paid	...	...	...	£19,399 8s. 4d.

Slum Clearance Programme

The following table shows the state of the five year programme commenced in January 1956. Further progress is dependent on accommodation available for re-housing.

(a)	Number of houses in programme	...	...	200
(b)	Number dealt with under Housing Acts	...	...	214
				(42 vacant)
	Number closed	...	...	75
	Number demolished	...	...	20
	Number made fit, Undertaking determined	...	...	75
(c)	Number of families rehoused	...	...	128
	Number rehoused by Council	...	...	87
(d)	Number remaining to be rehoused	...	...	44
	Number willing to be rehoused	...	...	13

Council Housing

The following information is given by the Housing Manager, Miss E. M. Maddox, B.Sc., F.S.H.M.

Applications for Housing

The total number of applicants on the waiting list for housing increased from 805 in January to 833 in December 1961.

New Council Houses

Thirty-two new houses and four flats were occupied during the year.

Vacancies in Council Houses

The number of vacancies in existing Council houses during the year was 43 ; nine were re-let to occupants of unfit houses and 34 to applicants on the waiting list.

I am, Mr. Chairman, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN PETRIE,

Medical Officer of Health.

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TABLE I
VITAL AND SOCIAL STATISTICS

Area of the District	...	...	...	...	...	112,096	acres
Population (Registrar General's estimate)	...	...	...	...	...	43,950	
Density of Population per acre	...	...	...	...	...	0.39	
Number of inhabited dwellings (at 31/3/62)	...	...	...	...	...	14,452	
Rateable Value (at 1/4/62)	...	...	...	...	...	£636,757	
Sum represented by the penny rate (at 31/3/62)	...	...	...	...	...	£2,571	
Births and Deaths.							
Birth Rate (crude)	...	...	...	...	13.24	} Per 1,000 Population	
„ „ (modified)	...	...	...	...	16.02		
„ „ (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	17.40		
Death Rate (crude)	...	...	...	...	13.92		
„ „ (modified)	...	...	...	...	10.72		
„ „ (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	12.00		
Mothers and Infants							
Live Births					<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number	...	...	...	...	290	292	582
Rate per 1,000	...	...	...	...			13.24
Illegitimate Live Births							
(per cent. of total live births)							4.29
Still Births							
Number	...	...	...	...	4	8	12
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	...						20.20
Total Live and Still Births					294	300	594
Infant Deaths (deaths under one year)					10	9	19
Infant Mortality Rates							
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births					...	...	32.64
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate infant births						...	34.11
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births						...	Nil
Neo-natal Mortality Rate							
(Deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)					...	...	22.34
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate							
(Deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)					...	...	17.18
Perinatal Mortality Rate							
(Stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)					...	...	37.04
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)							
Number of deaths					...	...	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births					...	...	Nil
Causes of Death.					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Tuberculosis (respiratory)					2	—	2
Tuberculosis (other)					—	—	—
Syphilitic disease					1	—	1
Diphtheria					—	—	—
Whooping Cough					—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection					—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis					—	—	—
Measles					—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases					1	1	2

TABLE I (continued)

					Males	Females	Total
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	5	4	9
Malignant neoplasm, lung and bronchus	...	...	...	...	22	3	25
Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	—	10	10
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	...	—	4	4
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	40	30	70
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	2	2	4
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	...	...	...	...	32	50	82
Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	56	40	96
Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	5	11	16
Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	36	52	88
Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	15	23	38
Influenza	...	...	...	...	3	4	7
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	14	9	23
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	18	5	23
Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	3	2	5
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	1	3	4
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	1	2	3
Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	3	2	5
Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	4	—	4
Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	3	7	10
Other defined and ill defined diseases	...	...	...	...	20	24	44
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	8	5	13
All other accidents	...	...	...	...	11	4	15
Suicide	...	...	...	...	4	2	6
Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Total deaths	...	...	...	...	312	300	612

Uckfield Rural District — Deaths from Cancer of Lung and Bronchus 1950 to 1961

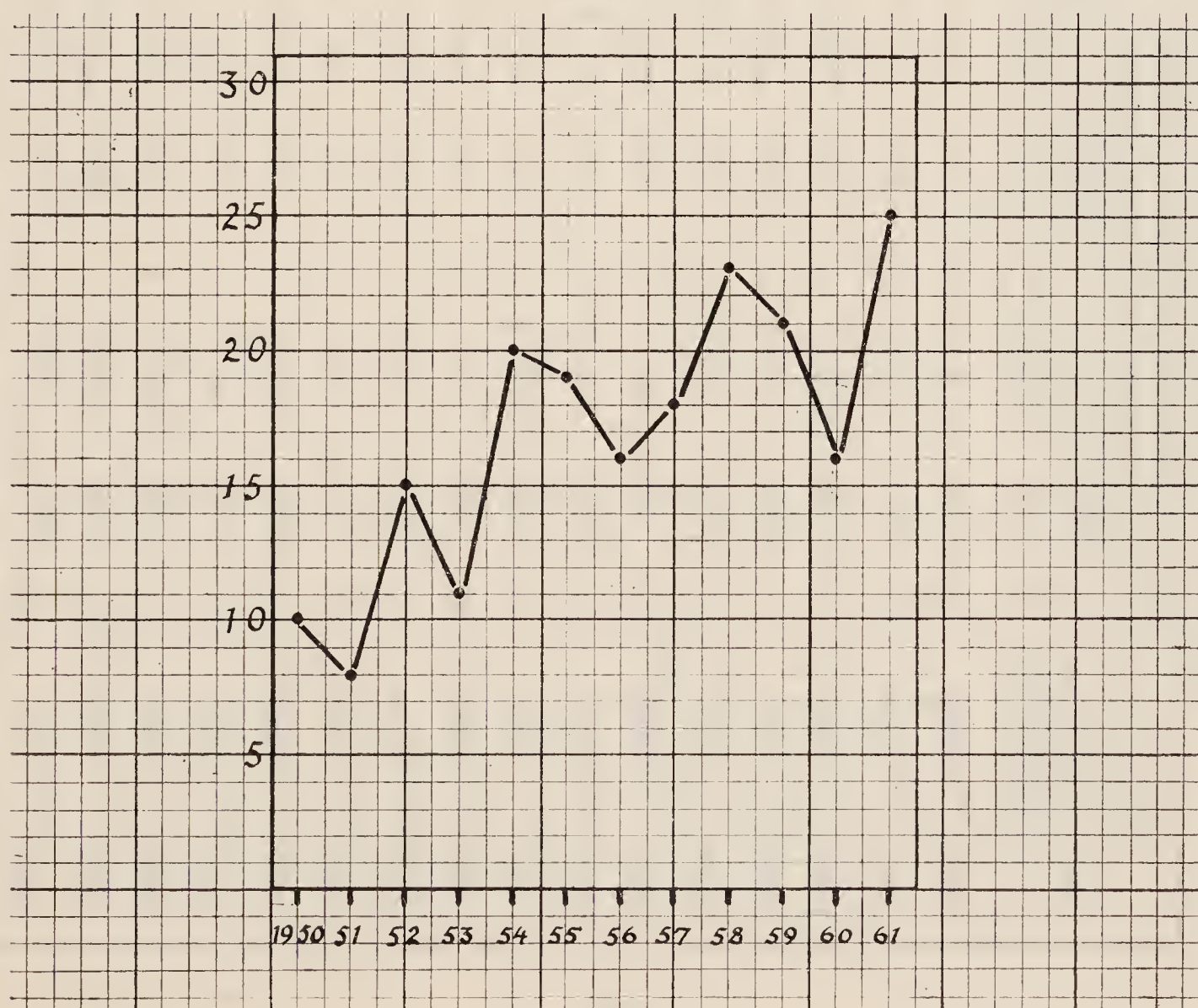


TABLE SHOWING VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1946-1961

Year	Estimated Population	Number of Births						Crude Birth Rate	Number of Deaths			Crude Death Rate	Infants' Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural increase of Births over Deaths
		Legitimate			Illegitimate				M.	F.	Total		M.	F.	Total		
		M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total										
1946	39,270	345	314	659	33	35	68	18.51	245	264	509	12.96	13	6	19	26.13	218
1947	40,190	327	318	645	28	21	49	17.27	263	282	545	13.56	19	9	28	40.35	149
1948	40,900	325	286	611	14	15	29	15.65	247	255	502	12.27	7	3	10	15.63	138
1949	41,370	281	264	545	14	14	28	13.85	252	273	525	12.69	8	8	16	27.92	48
1950	42,230	271	274	545	17	13	30	13.61	260	279	539	12.76	5	8	13	22.60	36
1951	43,750	282	272	554	13	9	22	13.16	264	306	570	13.02	5	11	16	27.60	6
1952	43,260	274	245	519	16	10	26	12.59	296	306	602	13.91	9	8	17	31.19	—
1953	43,600	241	260	501	12	12	24	12.05	245	257	502	11.51	7	5	12	22.86	23
1954	43,940	267	262	529	16	10	26	12.63	256	300	556	12.65	4	5	9	16.21	—
1955	44,000	255	245	500	14	13	27	11.97	250	311	561	12.75	8	8	16	32.00	—
1956	43,500	272	236	508	7	12	19	12.11	291	284	575	13.22	8	5	13	24.67	—
1957	43,380	289	255	544	7	6	13	12.84	264	250	514	11.85	7	3	10	17.95	43
1958	43,300	262	238	500	14	6	20	12.01	295	296	591	13.65	2	4	6	11.54	—
1959	43,670	301	297	598	6	14	20	14.15	323	293	616	14.10	4	2	6	9.71	2
1960	43,780	279	271	550	10	10	20	13.02	284	276	560	12.79	7	7	14	24.56	10
1961	43,950	280	277	557	10	15	25	13.24	312	300	612	13.92	10	9	19	33.64	—

TABLE III

PARISH	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
BUXTED	2,435	2,435	2,437	2,454	2,461	2,449	2,444	2,479	2,384	2,377
CROWBOROUGH	7,423	7,588	7,667	7,638	7,562	7,324	7,322	7,396	8,109	8,396
DANEHILL	1,282	1,282	1,268	1,262	1,261	1,237	1,239	1,236	1,282	1,304
FLETCHING	1,051	1,004	992	1,011	993	1,003	995	983	947	923
FOREST ROW	3,340	3,267	3,330	3,384	3,327	3,360	3,407	3,554	3,519	3,481
FRAMFIELD	1,946	1,934	1,952	1,913	1,882	1,848	1,860	1,858	1,817	1,761
FRANT	1,520	1,536	1,525	1,497	1,519	1,538	1,547	1,518	1,464	1,455
HADLOW DOWN	829	811	828	843	860	832	822	810	836	812
HARTFIELD	2,131	2,077	2,095	2,060	2,044	2,038	2,024	2,034	1,992	2,023
ISFIELD	545	554	551	560	525	513	505	488	490	492
LITTLE HORSTED	218	214	222	213	213	202	195	195	203	197
MARESFIELD	2,890	2,920	2,965	2,982	2,990	3,015	2,990	3,072	3,251	3,213
MAYFIELD	3,495	3,544	3,604	3,606	3,525	3,509	3,489	3,505	3,390	3,316
ROTHERFIELD	2,990	2,930	2,975	2,933	2,847	2,851	2,824	2,800	2,771	2,758
UCKFIELD	3,918	4,302	4,252	4,341	4,286	4,410	4,398	4,457	4,327	4,376
WADHURST	4,165	4,143	4,191	4,180	4,136	4,141	4,102	4,132	3,950	3,929
WITHYHAM	3,082	3,059	3,086	3,123	3,069	3,110	3,137	3,153	3,048	3,137
† TOTALS	43,260	43,600	43,940	44,000	43,500	43,380	43,300	43,670	43,780	43,950

† Totals are annual estimates of population supplied by the Registrar General.

Population of each parish calculated as follows:—

1952-1959 Registrar General's estimate of population for the District $\times$ Number of occupied dwellings in each parish.

1960-1961 Registrar General's estimate of population for the District $\times$ Number of persons on Register of Electors in each parish

NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS

Disease		Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5—9 years	10—14 years	15—24 years	25 years and over	Age un- known	Total	Admitted to hospital
SCARLET FEVER	...	—	—	1	—	1	6	2	1	—	—	11	—
WHOOPING COUGH	...	2	3	5	2	1	19	4	1	2	—	39	—
MEASLES	...	11	35	61	59	76	364	110	13	10	1	740	1
		Under 5 years	5—14 years	15—44 years	45—64 years	65 years and over	Age un- known						
PNEUMONIA	...	—	1	1	2	6	—						
ERYSIPELAS	...	—	—	—	1	—	—						
*FOOD POISONING	...	—	—	—	—	2	—						
ACUTE ENCEPHALITIS (Post-infectious)	...	—	1	—	—	—	—						
PUERPERAL PYREXIA	...	ALL AGES										5	2

* Analysis of Food Poisoning Notification.

Causative agent—Not known.

TABLE V

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Distribution of diseases in the parishes, 1961

PARISH	DISEASE								TOTALS
	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Puerperal Pyrexia	Acute Encephalitis (Post-infectious)	
BUXTED	1	2	9	1	—	—	—	—	13
CROWBOROUGH	5	3	450	4	1	—	—	1	464
DANEHILL	2	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	8
FLETCHING	1	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	8
FOREST ROW	1	—	39	1	—	—	—	—	41
FRAMFIELD	—	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	6
FRANT	1	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	6
HADLOW DOWN	—	4	2	—	—	—	1	—	7
HARTFIELD	—	—	96	—	—	—	—	—	96
ISFIELD	—	1	22	—	—	—	—	—	23
LITTLE HORSTED	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
MARESFIELD	—	8	20	—	—	—	—	—	28
MAYFIELD	—	10	11	1	—	—	—	—	22
ROTHERFIELD	—	1	10	1	—	—	1	—	13
UCKFIELD	—	2	25	—	—	—	1	—	28
WADHURST... ..	—	—	22	—	—	—	1	—	23
WITHYHAM	—	4	14	1	—	2	1	—	22
TOTALS	11	39	740	10	1	2	5	1	809

TABLE VI

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and mortality during 1961

AGE GROUPS.				NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
				Respiratory.		Non-Resp.		Respiratory.		Non-Resp.	
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 — 4	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 —14	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 —24	...	...	...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 —34	...	...	...	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
35 —44	...	...	...	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
45 —54	...	...	...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 —64	...	...	...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	...	...	...	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Age unknown	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	...	...	...	6	5	1	—	2	—	—	—

TABLE SHOWING TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1944-1961

TABLE VII

Y E A R.	N E W C A S E S					D E A T H S				
	R e s p i r a t o r y.		N o n - R e s p i r a t o r y.		T o t a l. (A l l T y p e s).	R e s p i r a t o r y.		N o n - R e s p i r a t o r y.		T o t a l. (A l l T y p e s).
	M	F	M	F	M & F	M	F	M	F	M & F
1944	10	16	2	5	33	8	4	2	—	14
1945	14	20	1	4	39	12	9	—	1	22
1946	14	11	15	4	44	3	4	1	—	8
1947	10	10	5	5	30	7	7	3	1	18
1948	19	8	2	5	34	9	5	—	—	14
1949	21	15	4	6	46	3	4	—	—	7
1950	20	19	6	9	54	2	—	1	—	3
1951	22	19	3	6	50	4	4	1	—	9
1952	25	21	5	4	55	5	3	2	—	10
1953	27	17	—	2	46	2	1	—	1	4
1954	27	18	2	3	50	2	—	—	—	2
1955	5	8	1	3	17	2	2	—	—	4
1956	4	6	4	2	16	—	3	1	—	4
1957	10	5	3	2	20	—	—	—	—	—
1958	13	4	1	—	18	1	—	—	—	1
1959	8	3	1	1	13	4	—	—	—	4
1960	11	3	3	3	20	1	1	—	—	2
1961	6	5	1	—	12	2	—	—	—	2

TABLE VIII

MASS RADIOGRAPHY
ANALYSIS OF RESULTS OF SURVEY, 1961

	Crowborough Parish			Rotherfield Parish			Wadhurst Parish			New Place Farm Framfield			Buxted Poultry Packing Station		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
No. of persons X-Rayed ...	159	215	374	46	79	125	116	128	244	34	10	44	104	45	149
Analysis of abnormal large films :—															
(a) Tuberculosis requiring treatment or close clinical supervision ...	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Tuberculosis requiring occasional clinical supervision ...	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Malignant Disease (Bronchial Carcinoma) ...	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(d) Cardio-Vascular Lesions...	2	—	2	—	1	1	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
(e) Sarcoidosis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—

TABLE IX
VACCINATION

The following vaccinations or re-vaccinations were carried out at clinics or reported by medical practitioners during the year.

<i>Age</i>	<i>Vaccinations</i>	<i>Re-vaccinations</i>
Under 1 year ...	448	—
1 year	30	—
2-4 years ...	47	—
5-14 years ...	7	62
15 years and over	5	228
Totals ...	537	290

TABLE X

AMBULANCES, CLINICS AND LABORATORY SERVICE
Infant Welfare Centres, Weighing Centres and Ante-Natal Clinics in
the Uckfield Rural District

<i>Name of Centre.</i>	<i>When held.</i>
BUXTED.	
Reading Room, Buxted (Weighing Centre only)	... 3rd Tuesday in each month.
CROWBOROUGH.	
St. Richard's Church Hall (Weighing Centre only)	... 3rd Tuesday in each month.
Wesleyan Hall (Weighing Centre only)	... 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month.
CROWBOROUGH, ST. JOHN'S.	
Women's Institute Hall (Weighing Centre only)	... 3rd Thursday in each month.
DANEHILL.	
Memorial Hall, Danehill	... 2nd Tuesday in each month.
FAIRWARP.	(Dr. Waugh)
Village Hall, Fairwarp. (Weighing Centre only)	... 1st Wednesday in each month.
FOREST ROW.	
Village Hall.	... 1st Thursday in each month. (Dr. G. Thornton)
FRAMFIELD.	
Church Hall (Weighing Centre only)	... 2nd Thursday in each month.
FRANT.	
Village Hall	... 1st Friday in each month.
GROOMBRIDGE.	
The Hut, Station Road	... 4th Tuesday in each month. (Dr. M. Thornton)
HARTFIELD AND WITHYHAM.	
King's Hall, Withyham (Weighing Centre only)	... 1st Friday in each month.
MARESFIELD.	
Military Camp	... 2nd Wednesday in each month. (Dr. M. Thornton)
MAYFIELD.	
Village Hall	... 1st Friday in each month. (Dr. H. Walters)
NUTLEY.	
Mission Hall, Fords Green (Weighing Centre only)	... 3rd Tuesday in each month.
ROTHERFIELD.	
Village Hall (Weighing Centre only)	... 1st Tuesday in each month.
UCKFIELD.	
County Clinic	... 1st Tuesday in each month. (Dr. J. Felce)
Ante-Natal Relaxation Class...	Each Monday.
WADHURST.	
Commemoration Hall, High Street.	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month. (Dr. Marsh)

Laboratory Facilities.

The arrangements which were made for the examination of specimens taken for the diagnosis and control of infectious diseases, with the Public

TABLE X (continued)

Health Laboratory, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (telephone number Brighton 63506), continued throughout the year and proved to be very satisfactory.

Medical practitioners send specimens direct to the Laboratory and receive a report by telephone, a written copy of the report being sent to this office.

Specimens may be sent to reach the laboratory any time up to 4.30 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays and before 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Urgent examinations may be carried out at other times by arrangement with the Director, Doctor Jameson (telephone number Brighton 56960).

Ambulance Services.

The County Council, under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, has the duty to ensure that ambulances are available where necessary to convey persons suffering from illness from places in their area to places in or outside their area.

In East Sussex this is being done mainly by arrangement with the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the British Red Cross Society.

A day and night ambulance service is available and calls are accepted from doctors, nurses, midwives and hospitals in the area. Only in cases of accidents or other sudden emergencies are calls accepted directly from members of the public.

Ambulance stations serving parishes in the Uckfield Rural District are as follows :—

<i>Parishes Served</i>	<i>Ambulance Station</i>	<i>Telephone Number</i>	<i>No. of Ambulances</i>
Buxted (North Part) Crowborough Mayfield Rotherfield Withyham	Caffyns Garage, Beacon Road, Crowborough.	Crowborough 1234 Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. At all other times Crowborough 882	2
Forest Row Hartfield	Phillips Garage, East Grinstead.	East Grinstead 488	2
Frant Wadhurst	86a, Speldhurst Rd., Southborough, Tunbridge Wells.	Tunbridge Wells 23222/3	19
Buxted (South Part) Danehill Fletching Framfield Hadlow Down Isfield Little Horsted Maresfield Uckfield	Caffyns Garage, Uckfield.	Uckfield 282	1

TABLE XI

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND SUPERVISION

No. of inspections made under the Housing and Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	1,864
„ „ „ „ „ „ Rent Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	12
„ „ „ „ „ „ Noise Abatement Act, 1960	...	...	...	...	9
„ „ „ „ „ „ Pet Animals Act 1951	...	...	...	...	1
No. of premises other than houses visited under the Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	490
Visits to factories (with power 64, without power 1)	...	...	...	...	65
Inspections made of dairies and milk shops	...	...	...	...	103
Visits to bakehouses	...	...	...	...	9
„ „ butchers' shops	...	...	...	...	30
„ „ knackers' yards	...	...	...	...	3
„ „ fish frying premises	...	...	...	...	7
„ „ food premises	...	...	...	...	182
„ „ ice-cream premises	...	...	...	...	10
„ „ licensed premises	...	...	...	...	76
„ „ shops (under Section 38, Shops Act, 1950)	...	...	...	...	29
„ „ hop-pickers' lodgings	...	...	...	...	8
Visits in connection with tents, vans and sheds	...	...	...	...	71
„ „ „ „ infectious diseases	...	...	...	...	36
„ „ „ „ water supplies	...	...	...	...	41
„ „ „ „ rats and mice destruction	...	...	...	...	3,166
„ „ „ „ schools	...	...	...	...	1
„ „ „ „ waste foods order	...	...	...	...	3
Miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	226
Interviews	...	...	...	...	72
No. of drain tests carried out	...	...	...	...	270
„ „ water samples taken	...	...	...	...	42
„ „ milk samples taken	...	...	...	...	52
„ „ ice-cream samples taken	...	...	...	...	4
„ „ premises disinfected and disinfested	...	...	...	...	47
„ „ preliminary notices served	...	...	...	...	193
„ „ „ „ complied with	...	...	...	...	142
„ „ statutory notices served	...	...	...	...	6
„ „ „ „ complied with	...	...	...	...	6

TABLE XII

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The following statistics show inspections and work done by the Rodent Operators during the year.

	<i>Rats</i>	<i>Mice</i>
No. of complaints received	327	82
No. of premises infested	288	78
No. of infestations found as a result of routine enquiry	97	6
No. of premises treated by the occupier	109	5
No. of dwellings disinfested :		
(a) Dwellinghouses	190	77
(b) Council properties (Sewage disposal works and refuse tips)	38	—
(c) Business premises (other than food premises) ...	6	2
(d) Food premises	1	4
(e) Agricultural premises	29	7
(f) Schools	2	3
Total number of visits	3,165	

TABLE XIII
FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959

Sixty-five visits were made to factories during the year ; of these sixty-four were to factories in which mechanical power was used.

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

PREMISES	NO. ON REGISTER	INSPEC- TIONS	NOTICES	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	29	1	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	155	64	8	—
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) ...	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	184	65	8	—

Cases in which defects were found

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND				NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH PROSECUTIONS WERE INSTITUTED
	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED		
			To H.M. INSPECTOR	By H.M. INSPECTOR	
Want of cleanliness ...	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences :					
(a) insufficient	—	1	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	8	2	—	3	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) ...	—	1	—	—	—
TOTALS	8	4	—	3	—

Outwork (Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of work	No. of outworkers in August list required by Sect. 110(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices served	Prosecu- tions
Wearing apparel : Making, etc.	2	—	—	—	—	—
Cleaning and washing ...	—	—	—	—	—	—

Sections 15-44 Nil

TABLE XIV

WATER SUPPLIES

Samples of water were taken each month for bacteriological examination and the following table shows the sources of supply and results of the analyses.

<i>Source of Supply</i>	<i>Samples taken</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>
Mid-Sussex Water Company	24	24	—
Springs and Wells	18	10	8
TOTALS	42	34	8

In addition to the above samples taken by the Council's officers the under-mentioned suppliers sent regular reports of bacteriological and chemical analyses.

Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells.

East Surrey Water Company.

Mid-Sussex Water Company.

Specimen results of chemical analyses are shown overleaf.

Sources of supply and specimen results of chemical analyses are shown in the following table :—

	SOURCE OF SUPPLY		
	<i>Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells — Tangiers Supply, Frant</i>	<i>East Surrey Water Co.— Westwood Pumping Station</i>	<i>Mid-Sussex Water Co.— Forest Row</i>
		<i>Parts per million</i>	
Free and Saline Ammonia ...	None	—	—
Albuminoid Ammonia ...	0.06	—	—
Oxygen absorbed from Permanganate at 80°F. in 4 hrs.	0.04	—	0.03
Nitrate Nitrogen	2.54	3.50	2.40
Nitrite Nitrogen	—	Nil	Nil
Chlorine (in Chlorides) ...	28.50	16	33
Equivalent to Sodium Chloride	47.00	—	55
Total Solid Matter (dried at 180°C.)	275.00	168	195 (dried at 120°C.)
Temporary Hardness ...	31.30	80	100
Permanent Hardness ...	None	26	20
Total Hardness	31.30	106	120
Sodium Carbonate	100.70	—	—
Free Carbon Dioxide ...	6.60	3	—
Free Chlorine	0.48	0.12	—
Reaction (pH)	7.20	7.60	7.60
Metals : Lead	None	Nil	Nil
Copper	None	Nil	Nil
Zinc	None	Nil	—
Iron	0.21	0.02	Nil
Appearance	Colourless and clear	Bright almost clear, with a few minute sand particles	Bright and clear with no deposit
Colour	—	Normal	—
Taste	—	Nil	—
Electric Conductivity at 20°C.	—	240	—
Ammoniacal Nitrogen ...	—	Nil	0.004
Albuminoid Nitrogen ...	—	Nil	0.004
Turbidity	—	Less than 5	—
Odour	—	Nil	—
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate	—	80	—
Permanganate Value (3 hrs. at 37°C.)	—	Nil	—

POSITION RELATING TO PIPED WATER SUPPLY AT 31st DECEMBER, 1961

TABLE XV

<i>Statutory Supplier</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>Connected to main supply during year</i>	<i>Dwellings on main supply</i>	<i>Estimated number of inhabitants in houses on main supply</i>
Mid-Sussex Water Company	Buxted	18	716	2,219
	Crowborough	216	2,835	8,788
	Danehill	12	412	1,277
	Fletching	2	226	700
	Forest Row	15	974	3,019
	Framfield	11	543	1,683
	Frant	2	355	1,100
	Hadlow Down	7	249	771
	Hartfield	6	579	1,794
	Isfield	5	190	589
	Little Horsted	—	15	47
	Maresfield	35	903	2,799
	Mayfield	29	1,061	3,289
	Rotherfield	24	894	2,771
	Uckfield	47	1,453	4,504
	Wadhurst	29	1,279	3,964
	Withyham	34	1,027	3,183
Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells	Frant	3	*	—

*Included in the total for Mid-Sussex Water Company.

TABLE XVI

Sewerage and Sewage Purification

Capital expenditure during the past ten years on sewerage and sewage disposal works is shown in the following table :—

<i>Year ended 31st March</i>	<i>Total Expenditure £</i>
1952	15,583
1953	5,526
1954	10,433
1955	6,072
1956	4,787
1957	83,977
1958	70,836
1959	30,398
1960	52,342
1961	71,501
	£351,455

In December 1958 the Council formulated a five year programme of necessary works, giving precedence to those where public health need is greatest. Following are details of the programme, showing progress to date.

		<i>Capital Cost</i>
Works completed up to December 1961		£
REDGATE MILL	Extension and modernisation of existing Disposal Works, serving Crowborough and Rotherfield ...	184,417
FRANT	Sewerage of the districts of Pococks Hill, Down Lane and Frant Village, and construction of Disposal Works ...	40,468
WADHURST (Village)	Sewers and Disposal Works ...	36,220

Works in progress at December 1961

HARTFIELD and UPPER HARTFIELD	Sewers and enlargement of existing works serving Forest Row ...	37,000
MARESFIELD (Village)	Sewers and improvements to existing Disposal Works	8,700
RINGLES CROSS	Sewers and Pumping Station ...	16,878

Works approved by the Minister at December 1961

GROOMBRIDGE	Pumping Station and Rising Main ...	12,000
NUTLEY (Village)	Sewers and Sewage Disposal Works ...	60,000
UCKFIELD and FIVE ASH DOWN	Sewers and new Disposal Works ...	175,000
UCKFIELD (Ridgewood)	New sewer ...	12,000

Works which have been submitted to the Minister for approval

FOREST ROW	Enlargement of Pumping Station, New Trunk Sewer and Rising Main ...	23,000
Blackboys	Sewers and Disposal Works ...	51,000

Schemes which are in course of preparation

ISFIELD	Sewers and Rising Main ...	61,350
BLACKHAM (Village)	Sewers and Disposal Works ...	9,500
CROWBOROUGH (Village)	New Trunk Sewers ...	43,000

Schemes yet to be prepared

DANEHILL	Sewers and Disposal Works	
WADHURST (Rock Robin)	Pumping Station.	
FRAMFIELD (Village)	New Disposal Works.	
MAYFIELD (Meres)	Modernisation of existing Works.	
MAYFIELD (Crouch)	Modernisation of existing Works.	

TABLE XVII

FOOD PREMISES

The following table shows the various types of Food premises within the district

Bakehouses	...	...	...	10
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	33
Cakes and Confectionery	...	...	...	47
Greengrocers	...	...	...	29
Grocery and General Provisions	...	...	...	134
Hotels and Licensed premises	...	...	...	104
Restaurants	...	...	...	66
Wet Fish Shops	...	...	...	11
Registered Dairy Premises	...	...	...	28

Improvements at Food Premises during 1961

Constant hot water provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Sinks provided, renewed or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Wash hand basins provided or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Kitchens, preparing rooms and food stores cleansed and decorated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Walls and ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Floors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Display counters improved or provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Sanitary accommodation improved or increased	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Drainage systems repaired or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5

Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Section 16.

The following table shows premises which are registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Cooked Meat premises	...	...	36
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	4
Ice-cream premises (Storage and sale only)	...	...	219

Of four samples of ice-cream taken during the year, the bacteriologist reported three to be satisfactory and one unsatisfactory.

TABLE XVIII

FOOD INSPECTION

During the year the following unsound food was voluntarily surrendered to the Public Health Inspectors.

351½ lbs. of tinned food	...	...	...	decomposed
159 lbs. of fish	...	...	...	decomposed
450¾ lbs. of meat	...	...	...	decomposed
120 lbs. of turkey carcasses				tumours and emaciation
133 lbs. of chicken carcasses				tumours and emaciation
58 lbs. of coco-nut mallows				contaminated coco-nut
106 fl. oz. of orange juice	...	...	...	fermented

Unsound food is buried at Council refuse dumps.

TABLE XIX

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

1. (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	408
(b)	Total number of inspections made for the purpose	1,860
2.	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	7
3.	Number of dwelling houses (excluding those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	171

Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notice.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers	121
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Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

1.	<i>Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957:—</i>	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	5
(b)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice:—	
(i)	By owners	4
(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners	—
2.	<i>Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:—</i>	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	1
(b)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:—	
(i)	By owners (including compliance with notices served prior to 1st January, 1961)	2
(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners	—
3.	<i>Proceedings under Sections 4 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957:—</i>	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	—
(b)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	—
(c)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	4
(d)	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit following undertakings given after service of Notice of Time and Place—Section 16.	27
(e)	Number of dwelling houses for which undertakings, under Section 16, were given by owners	7

TABLE XX

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO DWELLING HOUSES

The works of repair and improvement listed below were completed during the past eight years :—

<i>Internal.</i>	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Damp floors remedied ...	42	79	99	117	100	101	104	94
Damp walls remedied ...	53	100	120	169	144	175	137	144
Floors relaid or repaired ...	66	104	151	210	151	157	176	167
Walls repaired or cleansed ...	123	233	349	558	336	337	263	349
Ceilings repaired or cleansed ...	86	199	303	407	252	193	266	296
Ceiling heights increased ...	19	22	38	71	46	55	46	26
Lighting improved ...	38	76	97	148	89	72	113	73
Ventilation improved ...	41	83	105	196	102	82	112	95
Windows repaired or renewed ...	77	107	135	250	180	118	184	146
Doors repaired or renewed ...	29	42	47	82	63	67	75	44
Woodwork repaired or renewed ...	13	38	19	60	49	15	31	29
Flues and fireplaces repaired ...	15	28	31	53	36	24	16	14
Cooking stoves repaired or provided	25	38	48	55	32	18	20	20
Washing coppers repaired or provided ...	6	3	5	3	—	1	1	—
Food stores repaired or provided	24	42	76	70	39	29	87	69
Staircases repaired ...	13	31	37	51	30	34	35	38
Sinks provided or renewed ...	26	47	72	73	61	45	59	79
Sink wastes trapped or provided	15	22	55	71	45	36	50	70
Baths and wash basins provided	17	67	85	91	59	44	113	104
Hot water systems provided ...	21	58	91	86	58	42	113	97
Artificial lighting provided ...	5	28	37	50	20	13	14	6
Fuel stores provided ...	4	25	28	51	21	4	5	2
<i>External.</i>								
Walls repaired ...	35	53	67	96	83	67	67	80
Roofs repaired ...	29	51	78	86	74	44	74	67
Chimney stacks repaired ...	22	50	54	79	52	37	47	61
Gutters and downpipes provided or repaired ...	35	50	72	89	77	48	60	56
Paving provided or repaired ...	9	40	38	42	22	24	45	40
Dustbins provided or renewed ...	3	2	5	7	4	1	1	1
Accumulations removed ...	3	1	4	7	1	4	5	2
<i>Drainage.</i>								
New systems provided ...	30	45	54	64	32	30	35	86
Systems repaired, improved or cleansed ...	51	56	73	71	49	48	77	66
W.C.s provided ...	59	79	82	72	55	44	81	89
W.C.s repaired, cleansed and flushing apparatus provided	42	36	22	29	36	12	15	7
E.C.s and M.P.s converted to W.C.s	17	35	13	4	2	1	5	4
E.C.s repaired or improved ...	—	2	—	7	6	—	—	—
<i>Water Supply.</i>								
Main supply provided ...	24	8	17	13	11	12	7	8
Wells repaired, improved or provided	3	1	3	2	—	1	5	1

TABLE XXI

HOUSES BUILT DURING 1961

During the year thirty-two cottages and four flats were built on behalf of the Council, two hundred and eighty-eight houses were completed by private enterprise, and twenty-four properties were made available by means of conversion.

The following table shows the parishes where Council houses were completed.

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Type of dwelling</i>	<i>No. of families accommodated</i>	<i>Total families accommodated</i>
BUXTED	3 bedroom cottages	2	2
CROWBOROUGH	3 bedroom cottages	1	5
	2 " "	4	
FRANT	3 bedroom cottages	4	8
	2 " "	4	
MARESFIELD	2 bedroom cottages	2	2
UCKFIELD	3 bedroom cottages	1	7
	2 " "	2	
	1 " flats	4	
WADHURST	3 bedroom cottages	4	8
	2 " "	4	
WITHYHAM	3 bedroom cottages	2	4
	2 " "	2	

32 cottages, 4 flats. Total 36.

Persons accommodated

3 bedroom cottage	5 persons
2 " "	4 "
1 " flat "	2 "

Houses Built by Private Enterprise

The Public Health Inspectors continued to inspect all building undertaken by private enterprise, and the following table shows the number of visits made during the year.

FOUNDATIONS ...	596
SITE CONCRETE ...	376
DAMP PROOF COURSE ...	388
DRAINAGE ...	903
OTHER VISITS ...	2,753

